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Subject: Redhat proposal change to the microsoft settlement.

The portion of the MS settlement allowing them to donate their software to schools will do more for benefiting MS than helping the people involved. They will simply be able to inculcate the poor youth with MS software.

Before accepting the MS software/hardware and training proposal, please consider the Redhat proposal. Let MS donate the same amount of money, but just use it on hardware and training. Instead of using just Redhat linux also include Suse, Caldera, Turbo, Debian, if they are willing.

If a person understands Linux usage and administration, then Windows is a cake walk. The training on Unix will give them a much better understanding of computers and give them a better understanding of technology. MS software is designed to isolate the user for the computer, opensource software generally is not.

Please do not allow MS to further their monopoly as part of the settlement. Allow them to help out others, but not to their specific betterment.

Thank you.

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